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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Linda Forward *Linda Forward*  
Interim Deputy Superintendent  
Education Services

SUBJECT: Webinars on Tier One Early Literacy and Mathematics Instruction

The Michigan Department of Education's Office of Education Improvement and Innovation will be hosting a series of summer learning webinars to support tier one early literacy and mathematics instruction. The first two webinars will be:

- **Thursday, May 27, 2015 – *Mathematics and Play* with Dr. Amy Noelle Parks, Associate Professor, Michigan State University**
- **Tuesday, June 2, 2015 – *Teaching for Conceptual Understanding: Mathematics that is Purposeful, Foundational, Appropriate, and Playful* with Dr. Juanita "Nita" Copley, Professor Emerita, University of Houston**

Additional summer learning webinar topics will include:

- Multi-tiered Systems of Support
- Assessment Literacy
- Informational Text
- Read Alouds with a Focus on Vocabulary
- Intentional Integration
- Library Supports for Early Literacy and Mathematics

All webinars will be hosted live at 1:00pm and recorded for future viewing. The webinars can be accessed using the following link: <http://remc.adobeconnect.com/elmiwebinar/>. The archived webinars can be found on [MDE's Early Literacy and Mathematics Initiative](#) website.

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